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**Establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Commission for the Sheriff's Department**

Since September 2013, the Board of Supervisors (Board) has had the opportunity to review reports and consider the impact of establishing a Sheriff's Department Oversight Commission. Testimony from community members and stakeholders have been heard, numerous articles and editorials have been published, and reports have been received from the Chief Executive Officer, the Sheriff, County Counsel, and the Inspector General. More than 10 months later, the Board still has not made a decision.

The federal investigations of the Sheriff's Department confirm that reform is needed to formalize and institutionalize a higher level of scrutiny, inquiry, and accountability to stem the significant litigation costs, including punitive damage assessments, and excessive use of force complaints. The public must have confidence that those committed to the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department will be housed,

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and those requiring medical and mental health services receive them, in a constitutional, lawful, and compassionate manner.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- 1) Approve the creation of a civilian oversight commission for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department;
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to report back in 90 days with recommendations as to how the commission could be structured after seeking input from Board offices, to include operational options regarding the integration of the Office of Inspector General with the commission, as well as appointment options; and
- 3) Direct County Counsel to report back in 90 days with proposed ordinance language for Title 3 of the Los Angeles County Code for each proposed structure.

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